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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S VISIT: TOUR OF AFRICAN VILLAGES

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1. IN MY VIEW, VISIT BY SECRETARY TO "AUTHENTIC" AFRICAN VILLAGE WOULD NOT BE UNDERSTOOD AND WOULD BE RESENTED BY GHANAIS. THERE ARE MANY SUCH VILLAGES OF COURSE BUT GHANAIS DO NOT REGARD THEM AS BEST-FOOT-FORWARD MATERIAL. PRIME GHANAIS CRITICISM OF "60 MINUTES" FILM DONE ON MY ARRIVAL WAS THAT IT SHOWED NOTHING OF MODERN GHANA.

2. GIVEN THIS LOCAL IMAGE PROBLEM AND SCARCITY OF TIME AVAILABLE STRONGLY RECOMMEND VISIT TO NATIONAL MUSEUM AS LOCALLY ACCEPTABLE EXPOSURE TO LOCAL COLOR. CONCUR WITH CANCELLING VISIT ABURI GARDENS.

3. THE LOCAL CHIEF AND HIS RETINUE FROM ABURI-AKWAPIN REGION WILL BE AT PEDUASE LODGE WHICH IS LOCATED IN HIS AREA.
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